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SUBJ: EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AT TACHING OIL FIELD

1. AN AUSTRALIAN-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP GROUP WHICH VISITED
TACHING OIL FIELD IN LATE APRIL WAS TOLD THAT DRILLING
EFFORTS THERE TO DISCOVER EXPLOITABLE STRATA OF OIL
("RESERVOIRS") AT THE 3,000 METER LEVEL HAD NOT YET BEEN
SUCCESSFUL, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD EXPECTED TO REACH THIS
LEVEL IN MARCH.

2. COMMENT: OUR SOURCE WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE CHINESE
MEANT THEY HAD NOT REACHED THE 3,000 METER LEVEL IN THEIR
DRILLING EFFORTS, OR WHETHER THEY HAD REACHED THE 3,000
METER LEVEL BUT HAD NO DISCOVERED OIL. (TO US THE LATTER SEEMS
MORE LIKELY). RATE OF PRODUCTION
GROWTH AT TACHING HAS FALLEN IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS
AND CHINESE ARE APPARENTLY GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO DEEPER
DRILLING EFFORTS TO INCREASE OUTPUT.
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